

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, EXETER
Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council
For the year ended 31 December 2023

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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At Trinity Church we seek to "Know Christ and Make Christ Known". This is at the heart of all we do. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the Church.

The parish continues to see significant housing development within its boundaries and it is this growth which has driven our strategic planning. As we review the year, we praise God for His goodness to us.

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to serve our church family.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Sundays

The past year has seen the continuing build-up of the church family post-Covid. We are up to pre-pandemic levels at the 10.30am Clyst Heath service, and we have surpassed them at the 9am Trinity School service. The evening 'Dig Deeper' service has stayed steady during this time. We continue to see new people coming from the school and local community, for which we thank God.

We continue to stream one service each Sunday, enabling us to connect with those regulars who for various reasons can't make it to church. It has also enabled us to serve wider friends and family in the UK and overseas. Because of this we will continue to stream services from Clyst Heath throughout 2024.

All this takes a great deal of effort, and we are grateful to the teams who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make the Sunday services and children's and youth work happen throughout the year. We are very thankful to God for the teams involved and their deep commitment to the well-being of the church family and the service of God.

Schools

The clergy continue to go into local schools for collective worship (weekly at Trinity School, every half term at St. Peter's and very occasionally at Clyst Heath School), which is a continuing source of joy as they see young people responding to the gospel.

Sabbatical

The Incumbent took a Sabbatical from May to July in 2023, during which he did a Sabbatical Course on 'The Dynamics of Biblical Change', run by Biblical Counselling UK (BCUK). It was a lot of work, but very stimulating and he returned feeling refreshed and re-energised for ministry. The Curate proved to be most capable during this period, leading with grace and distinction. We are very grateful to have a clergy team that get on so well together and seek to serve the church family and community with faithfulness and joy.

Weekend Away

In September, the speaker for our church weekend away, Dr. Andrew Nicholls, had to pull out at the last minute due to a family bereavement, but we were fortunate to have Jane Davies come and give the talks in his place. The material, 'Real Change', was from BCUK, with whom both Andrew and Jane are associated. We continue to pray that real change is an ongoing reality for us as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Biblical Teaching

Over the past year we have had teaching from Luke and Matthew's gospels, Leviticus, Psalms, Zechariah, Acts, and 1 Thessalonians, plus series on the Church, the Creed, and human sexuality.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Church of England and the divisions over sexuality

The reason for the series on human sexuality was that in February 2023 the Church of England General Synod voted to allow the blessing of same sex couples in certain circumstances. Though many argued that it goes against the very doctrines on marriage of the Church, it passed by a few votes. It has continued to divide the Synod, Deaneries, and congregations. Whilst it was never intended to divide the church, it has certainly had that effect not only within the Church of England, but also within the Anglican Communion. The Incumbent's view is that not only is this a wrong path to take, it is also highly damaging to the trust we are asked to place in our Bishops. The House of Bishops promised in February not to introduce the Prayers of Love and Faith without the necessary pastoral guidance and reassurance. But in November a motion from the Bishop of Oxford was carried in General Synod to allow the prayers on an experimental basis even though the pastoral guidance and reassurance were not yet forthcoming.

In the light of this the PCC of Trinity Church wrote to the Bishops in our diocese following a morning of discussion in November. The PCC wrote:

The PCC of Trinity Church Exeter affirms the Church of England doctrine that marriage is between one man and one woman and is intended to be for life, since we believe this to be the pattern given to us in Scripture.

We affirm the goodness of celibacy – recognising the beauty of both singleness and marriage.

We also affirm the Church of England doctrines of sin and salvation that mean we are all in need of God's saving grace which is offered to all and received through repentance and faith.

We seek to provide good pastoral support to all and particularly to those who may struggle to live by this teaching, acknowledging how some of them may have been badly treated by people in churches.

We welcome all people to Trinity Church, whatever their sexual orientation or marital status, and hope that they find us to be a loving community, committed to Christ and all his people.

As members of the worldwide Anglican Communion, we are unashamed to hold to a traditional Christian view of marriage, as set out in the Book of Common Prayer, 39 Articles and Ordinal, and to do so with grace and love.

We call on all within the Church of England to maintain its historical position and to ensure there is provision and support for our clergy to hold faithfully to that position in their ministry. We will continue to pray for you and all those involved in Synod this coming week.

The PCC have planned further meetings to discuss how we go forward as a church family and within the Church of England.

Prayer

Our church prayer meetings have been an encouraged as we have seen the regular attendees joined by a few new faces this year.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Evangelism

We ran a Hope Explored course in 2023 and plan to run a 3-2-1 Course (from Speak Life Ministries) in January 2024. Our prayer is for people to come to know and believe the gospel and to find their hope and joy in the Lord.

Social Action

Our participation in the Neighbourly food waste scheme has us collecting from local supermarkets on seven days a week. We now collect from Aldi, Marks and Spencer and Sainsbury's. We have volunteers from the church and community who help by collecting the food and distributing it at the Newcourt Community Centre and Trinity School. We continue to investigate whether a drop-off in the Digby area is feasible. This has been warmly welcomed by many in the community and is a tangible expression of the gospel. That's why the food boxes at the Community Centre and Trinity School are called LYN – 'Love Your Neighbour'. We continue to pray that through these acts of service, many may have their hearts warmed to the good news of Jesus. As a result of this daily provision, we have got to know a number of local people who continue to express their thanks for the food. Our longing is that they find Jesus, 'the bread of life', through this ministry.

We continue to have church members who volunteer with the Exeter Foodbank, and other local Christian agencies.

MISSION SUPPORT

This year we have managed to maintain our giving to our mission partners. The Stanford family are working in Asia. Emma Brewster has a busy worldwide ministry as a director of SIM, based in South Africa. Steve and Anna Griffiths returned to Brazil in early 2023 following a period of home assignment. It was great to see Ruth Cooper on holiday in Exeter at the end of the year before her return to the just refurbished Africa Mercy, to take up the position of School Principal (still voluntary), teaching the children of the crew.

The Christian Growth Fund for 2023 has been fully allocated, by supporting the Inspire Team (Via Laura Newell) and Ben Clode on his future trip to SE Asia to help support Rich and Zoe for a few weeks.

PASTORAL CARE

We are very glad to be able, once again, to meet people in person for pastoral care. The challenge remains as to how best we care for one another as a whole church family now that the main restrictions of the pandemic are behind us. Small groups are one way of encouraging us to look out for a few people. We continue to encourage the whole church family to be involved in a small group if at all possible. But we are aware how easy it is for people to slip through the net and go for some time without being noticed or contacted. This will take a concerted effort by the whole church family to ensure that all are appropriately cared for.

APCM

At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting we voted for Jonathan Porter Goff and Paul Johnson to serve as churchwardens until the next APCM. In addition, the following people were voted onto the PCC:

- Naomi Chapman (Deanery Synod rep)
- Claire Clode
- Steph Macleod (Deanery Synod rep)
- Ruth Maxwell
- Ian Powell (Deanery Synod rep)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

SMALL GROUPS

There are currently 11 midweek groups meeting weekly or fortnightly with 110 members (although 4 don't attend Trinity). A new group started in January 2023 led by Howard and Dawn. This group took in people who were either fairly new to the church or mature Christians who hadn't been in a group for some time (bar one member). This group is now full.

Over the course of 2023, 17 people have been placed in homegroups. This includes 8 who are new to the church. There are several others who have expressed an interest in joining a group but having made contact, not all have decided to join a group at this time.

All groups meet in person except for one that continues to meet online (mainly for childcare reasons). We are hopeful that more groups will be established this year if leaders can be found as the existing groups are now almost full. It continues to be a challenge for us all to think and pray about possible new leaders in this area who would be willing to start a new group.

Most groups (but not all) follow the Sunday morning sermons and leaders are provided with resources to assist them in leading sessions. Recently however, some groups looked at the climate change issue which was covered in the evening services. Leaders reported some positive feedback on this.

Leaders continue to report lots of encouragements with bible study, prayer and pastoral support within groups. There are many examples of answered prayers, regular contact between members on WhatsApp and other means. Social events within the groups have also helped to encourage and support members.

Homegroups take an active part in leading the monthly church prayer meetings and providing refreshments on a rota basis.

Most homegroup leaders attend regular meetings with the homegroup co-ordinators to reflect on how things are going in the groups and to plan. There have been several changes in leaders over the past year, but all groups have the right number of leaders at present.

Many encouragements have been shared. It has also been an opportunity for leaders to ask for wisdom and advice within the group about practical issues arising in the homegroup meetings.

All homegroup leaders have undergone all relevant safeguarding and domestic abuse training.

SAFEGUARDING

We are very thankful that Ruth Maxwell continues as our safeguarding lead.

The congregation and staff team at Trinity Church have continued to take safeguarding seriously during the past year. Volunteers are renewing their safeguarding training and completing DBS applications promptly, which is encouraging. We now have 28 people who have completed Domestic Abuse awareness training in addition to the general safeguarding modules that just over 100 people have completed. Our volunteer recruitment process has been strengthened to include a substantive conversation with one of the staff team and is working well.

But safeguarding is not just about ticking boxes to say training has been completed. We want all people, children and adults, regular members of our church and visitors, to feel safe in the activities they join in with organised and run by Trinity Church. Following Christ's example, we aim for our culture to promote compassion and concern for the young and vulnerable among us. During sermon series this past year, issues around safeguarding have been addressed; our prayer diary includes prayers that raise the profile of awareness of safeguarding issues; children's and youth group leaders have sought the advice of our safeguarding officer when they have had even slight concerns. Where appropriate, the diocesan safeguarding team have been on hand to offer support.

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HEALTH & SAFETY

This year we continued to ensure that our activities are carried out safely and do not pose a risk to the health of our employees, volunteers, congregations and visitors. This is in accordance with good practice and any relevant statutory provisions where they apply. Practically this means that all church activities have an up-to-date risk assessment, are approved by the PCC and have a nominated person in charge.

STAFF

There were changes to the staff team this year. Financial pressures meant that the contract for the Incumbent's PA was not renewed in May. Hannah Hocking resigned as our full-time Youth Worker in September. We are delighted that she continues to serve with the church as a volunteer.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Vision: That our children and young people would become **Wholehearted, Lifelong, Disciples of Jesus**

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength'. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12 v30-31

Children

At the 9am Trinity School congregation, we run 3 groups for children aged 0 to 14 years. The 'Strong Roots' group for school years 1 to 6 has seen significant growth and has required more of the Church Family to volunteer to run the group.

At the Clyst Heath (10.30am) congregation, the numbers of Primary School age children has declined. This has led to the groups being amalgamated, with now just 2 groups for school age children. A new group 'Toddlers on Sunday' started in the Autumn.

Youth

Hannah Hocking stepped down as Youth Worker and finished her role in September 2023. We are grateful for her hard work, enthusiasm, wise leadership and sacrificial service over the past 5 years, through some very traumatic times for the Church Family.

There are 2 Sunday groups for Secondary school aged young people- one at Trinity School and one at Clyst Heath. Youth Home Group meets twice a month and has had a strong, consistent group of young people meeting to study the Bible and encourage one another.

Elevate is a weekly Home Group for young people in years 11-13. Between 8 and 11 young people attend and they have tackled a range of subjects over 2023.

A group of young people aged 11 and up went to the SPREE Youth Festival. They enjoyed teaching, worship, camping and fairground rides. Many thanks to the dedicated leaders from Trinity who accompanied them!

Families

Messy Church meets once a month at Trinity School on a Sunday afternoon. About 35 people (children and adults) come along, with a team of 9 running it. They enjoy craft, games, a Bible story and a meal together.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Outreach

In their role as YMCA Young Families workers Becca Prior and Emma Mitchell have allowed the toddler groups and Messy Church to really flourish and have offered different groups to support parents at both Clyst Heath and Trinity Schools.

Toddler Groups on Tuesday (Clyst Heath), Wednesday (Newcourt Community Centre) and Sunday (in parallel with the Clyst Heath 10.30am service) have continued to be busy, fun and valued by local families. Numbers have been strong at both mid-week groups and the Sunday group is a gentle introduction to church for families with younger children.

K@tch is our community Youth Group open to any children in years 2-6, held at Clyst Heath School on a Tuesday early evening. After a change in leadership early in 2023, the team is now strong and hoping to increase the number of children coming along.

Holiday Club 2023 was a great time of fun and sharing the Good News from Luke's gospel, on a theme of Adventure Island, with 166 children over the two school sites, for 4 days in July, running simultaneously for the first time. A team of 73 (including 11 Junior Leaders) helped make it happen.

In all these areas we see the work of God and pray that in the coming year we may see the work develop and thrive under His mighty hand, so that we will see His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as in heaven. All for His glory.

POLICIES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Risk Assessment

The policies with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group provide adequate insurance cover for all the activities for which the PCC is involved, including matters such as employers and public liability. Policies on Health & Safety and Child Protection (including DBS) are kept under regular review by the PCC.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and PCC have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer – learning about the Gospel and developing our knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and those who live outside the parish who are part of our church family
- Outreach work both inside and outside our parish

Location and History of Trinity Church

Trinity Church is situated in the Digby and Newcourt areas. This is located in the East of Exeter in an area of new housing. Trinity has been working in the area since December 2005. On 1 May 2013 we formally became the Parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter (within the Diocese of Exeter).

Having no building of its own, the Church worships in Clyst Heath Community Nursery and Primary School (licensed for divine service on 25 March 2007 and as a Parish Centre Of Worship on 14 October 2015), Newcourt Community Centre since January 2016 and Trinity Primary School since April 2018. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) achieved registered charitable status on 2 October 2012. The registered charity number is 1149175.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	The Parish of Holy Trinity Exeter
Other name the charity uses	Trinity Church Exeter
Registered charity number	1149175
Charity's principal address	23 Couper Meadows, Clyst Heath, Exeter, EX2 7TF.

Structure, governance and management

How is the church constituted?	<p>The Parochial Church Council (PCC) supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the Church.</p> <p>The only committee required by law is the Standing Committee. This consists of the Minister and Churchwardens, and two other PCC members as elected. This committee has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the Council.</p> <p>The PCC also has several sub-committees to deal with areas of church activity. At least one member of the PCC serves on each of these. The other members of these sub-committees may include non-PCC members.</p>
Type of governing document:	The powers conferred on the PCC arise from two pieces of legislation. These are the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and The Church Representation Rules 2020 (which were adopted by the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019, as amended by subsequent Statutory Instruments).
Trustee selection methods	The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC member name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rev'd Jonny Elvin	Incumbent	
Jonathan Porter Goff	Church Warden	
David Mackenzie Clarke	Church Warden	To 28 th March 2023
Paul Johnson	Church Warden	Church Warden from 28 th March 2023
Ian Powell	Deanery Synod Rep	
Rev'd Ollie Osborn	Curate	
JP Hedge		
Joanne Brown		
Claire Clode		
Chris Harris	PCC Secretary	
Ruth Maxwell	Safeguarding Officer	
Karen Silcox	Treasurer	
Stuart Mitchell		
Stuart Greenslade		To 28 th March 2023
Claire Sheldon	Deanery Synod Rep	To 28 th March 2023
Caroline Snelgrove		To 28 th March 2023
Naomi Chapman	Deanery Synod Rep	From 28 th March 2023
Steph Macleod	Deanery Synod Rep	From 28 th March 2023

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Trinity Church is very dependent on voluntary giving from the church family to pay for the work we do so it is fitting to begin this report by thanking everyone who has contributed financially to the work of the church in the last 12 months.

The church made a cash surplus of £12,347 in the year (2022 cash surplus of £13,744).

Total cash receipts increased by 4.3% compared to 2022. If you exclude the receipts received for the church weekend (totalling £8,966 and included in Church/trading activity), the cash receipts increase compared to the previous year is 0.04%.

Donation income increased by 20%. Grant income reduced from £17,800 in 2022 to £8,100 in 2023.

Total cash payments increased by 5.4%. If you exclude the church weekend costs (totalling £9,788 and included in Church/trading activity), the cash payments increase compared to the previous year is 0.36%.

The diocesan parish share increased by 15% compared to 2022. Salaries decreased by just under 30%. At the start of 2023 the church employed one full time and one part time member of staff. However, by the end of May 2023 the part time role had ended and by September 2023 the full time role was vacant. Mission and evangelism costs showed a significant increase with a full year for the two family workers.

Total cash funds at the year-end totalled £137,789 of which £11,624 is held in restricted funds.

RESERVES POLICY

Our reserves still remain healthy. The total cash amount held in unrestricted reserves at the year-end is £126,665.

The PCC holds cash reserves for the following reasons:

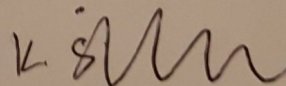
1. To manage cash flow by holding 3 months running costs in reserve – currently assessed at £45,000 in our unrestricted funds.
2. To provide for our mission partners in times of unexpected need – £5,000 held in our unrestricted funds.
3. To hold a further £76,665 in unrestricted funds to fund the charitable work in the future and to cover future budget deficits. The 2024 budget projects a deficit in the order of £10,000.

This report was approved by the PCC on 18/03/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Jonathan Elvin (Chairman)



Karen Silcox (Treasurer)



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
TRINITY CHURCH, EXETER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As PCC members, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I am satisfied that the accounts of the PCC are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date *4th APRIL 2024*

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Note

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
Donations and Legacies	5	175,918	2,348	178,266	147,843
Non-recurring donations and appeals	6	13,869	2,587	16,456	39,211
Income from Church Activities	7	10,300	8,737	19,037	19,840
Investments	8	3,057	-	3,057	869
TOTAL RECEIPTS		203,144	13,672	216,816	207,763
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities	9	185,756	18,713	204,469	193,989
TOTAL PAYMENTS		185,756	18,713	204,469	193,989
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		17,388	(5,041)	12,347	13,774
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		(144)	144	-	-
CASH BALANCES AT 1ST JAN 2023		108,921	16,521	125,442	111,668
CASH BALANCES AT 31ST DEC 2023		126,165	11,624	137,789	125,442

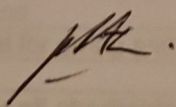
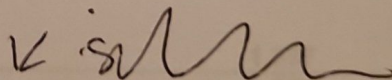
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
CASH FUNDS				
CAF Cash No 1 account	3,865	825	4,690	1,292
CAF Cash No 2 account	-	10,799	10,799	30,848
CAF Gold account	27,155	-	27,155	964
Redwood Bank	95,097	-	95,097	92,294
Cash Floats (Toddlers Groups and Banns)	48	-	48	44
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	126,165	11,624	137,789	125,442
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Deposit from hire of venue (Clyst Heath school)	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Gift aid and GASDS Tax refunds	396	-	396	160
Salaries, Wages and Honoraria	203	-	203	-
TOTAL OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	1,599	-	1,599	1,160
LIABILITIES				
Salaries, Wages & Honoraria PAYE & Pension costs	-	-	-	545
Staff and Clergy Expenses	500	-	500	860
Mission and Evangelism costs	-	13,750	13,750	27,500
Church Running expenses: Venue Hire	1,120	-	1,120	-
Church Running expenses: Independent exam fee	650	-	650	575
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,270	13,750	16,020	29,480

ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE

The church retains assets for its own use. These are 3 electronic pianos, 2 projection laptops, 2 mixer desks and various items of other Audio-visual equipment.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18/03/2024 and signed on their behalf by:
Jonathan Elvin (Chair) **Karen Silcox (Treasurer)**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the receipts and payments basis and comply with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and follow best accounting practice as laid out in the SORP FRS 102.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES/RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Minister and Curate are paid for by the diocese from the Diocesan Common Fund to which each parish contributes.

No further remuneration, directly or indirectly, out of the funds of the church was paid or is payable for the year to any of the PCC members, or to any other person or persons known to be connected to any of them.

The insurance for the PCC includes indemnity cover.

The Minister and Curate were reimbursed £3,691 (2022 - £4,522) in respect of costs incurred for travel, books, hospitality and phone and internet services.

No further reimbursement of expenses in respect of services provided has been made or is due to be made to any of the PCC members.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

3. CHARITABLE GIVING AND MISSION SUPPORT

	2023	2022
	£	£
Giving from unrestricted funds		
SIM UK (Emma Brewster)	4,800	4,800
OMF International UK (Griffiths and Stanfords)	13,776	13,776
Mercy Ships (Ruth Cooper)	1,500	1,500
UCCF (Leonie Dorland)	-	1,050
Salvation Army	200	200
Open Doors	-	50
The Gathering	-	100
Sub total for giving and support from unrestricted funds	20,276	21,476
Giving from restricted charitable gifts funds		
Tear Fund	1,887	2,570
Sub total for giving and support from restricted funds	1,887	2,570
Total for all charitable giving	22,163	24,046

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4. FUNDS

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds consist of the following funds totalling £11,624.

Children & Youth work – money received for the salary of the children & Youth worker.

Incumbents Discretion – balance of £500 at the year-end.

Clyst Heath Toddlers – monies received for the toddler's group – balance of £1,089 at the year-end.

Marriage Course – balance of £142 at the year-end.

Parenting Course – balance of £300 at the year-end.

Love Your Neighbour – monies received for 'Love Your Neighbour' food boxes – all monies spent in year.

Tear Fund – monies taken as a special collection for Tear Fund – all monies spent in year.

YMCA Family Workers – monies received for the YMCA Family Workers – balance of £9,593 at the year-end.

Designated Fund

Last year a transfer of £12,800 was made from the unrestricted fund to the restricted fund to reflect the matched funding Trinity Church has allocated to the YMCA Families Workers project. This money should not have been shown as restricted funds but has instead been separated as a designated fund (part of the unrestricted funds). The year-end balance therefore of restricted and designated for the YMCA Families Workers project totals £22,393. The opening balance for the restricted funds has therefore been corrected.

TRINITY CHURCH, EXETER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - RECEIPTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
5. Donations and legacies				
Tax efficient planned giving	115,369	1,855	117,224	95,370
Other planned giving	28,385	-	28,385	20,121
Collections at Services	633	-	633	92
Gift aid & GASDS recovered	31,531	493	32,024	32,260
	<u>175,918</u>	<u>2,348</u>	<u>178,266</u>	<u>147,843</u>
6. Other Voluntary Receipts				
Non-recurring donations and appeals	13,869	2,587	16,456	39,211
7. Income from church activities				
Weddings/funerals income	204	-	204	201
Church / trading activity	10,096	637	10,733	1,839
Grants	-	8,100	8,100	17,800
	<u>10,300</u>	<u>8,737</u>	<u>19,037</u>	<u>19,840</u>
8. Income from Investments				
Bank interest	3,057	-	3,057	869
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>203,144</u>	<u>13,672</u>	<u>216,816</u>	<u>207,763</u>

TRINITY CHURCH, EXETER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - PAYMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
9. Church Activities					
Mission Giving and Donations	3	20,276	1,887	22,163	24,046
Diocesan Parish Share ^a		85,275	-	85,275	74,088
Salaries Wages and Honoraria		23,278	2,392	25,670	36,500
Staff and clergy expenses		4,634	-	4,634	7,372
Mission and Evangelism costs		4,893	13,786	18,679	6,897
Church Running Expenses ^b		36,109	300	36,409	43,202
Trading / Church Activity		11,291	348	11,639	1,884
TOTAL PAYMENTS		185,756	18,713	204,469	193,989

a- Trinity Church receives a discount on the Parish Share Contribution of £2,000 per venue. This discount saved the church £4,000 in 2023 and is set at £4,000 for 2024. The church also received an inflationary cap reduction in 2023 on its Parish Share Contribution of £7,188.

b – The £36,109 on church running expenses in unrestricted funds can be broken down as follows:

Type of expenditure	£
Morning service venue hire Clyst Heath	£12,320
Morning service venue hire Trinity School	£10,956
Audio-Visual Equipment	£3,967
Other	£8,866
Total	£36,109